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PRESS RELEASE
***RIVERDALE MAN GETS 210 MONTHS
IN FEDERAL PRISON AFTER
PLEADING GUILTY TO
RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY***

SALT LAKE CITY – William Henry Styer, age 51, of Riverdale, will spend 210 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to one count of receipt of child pornography.

Styer was sentenced Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Dee Benson, who agreed with a request by federal prosecutors to sentence Styer at the high end of the federal sentencing guideline recommendations.

Styer is being prosecuted in federal court as a part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

"Judge Benson recognized the serious nature of the conduct involved in this case and imposed the appropriate sentence," U.S. Attorney Brett L. Tolman said today. "Those who seek to abuse or exploit our children will be aggressively investigated and prosecuted," Tolman said.

Styer was indicted by a federal grand jury in September 2006 on one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography following an investigation by the Riverdale Police Department. The Weber County Attorney's Office also has assisted in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Styer came to the attention of Riverdale police officers following a tip from a concerned citizen.

As a part of a plea agreement reached with federal prosecutors in March, Styer admitted that on Aug. 16, 2006, he received between 10 and 150 images of child pornography on his computer and that he knew the images were of prepubescent minors engaged in sexual conduct.

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